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Applicants: Charles J. LONGACRE, et al.

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For: Joint Restraint Assembly

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005, the time for responding thereto being extended in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.